



## TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**To:** Town Council

**From:** Matt Hart, Town Manager

**Date:** 10/24/2017

**CC:** R. Ledwith, Chief Gove

**Subject:** Resolution (Hart) to Appropriate Federal Highway Safety Program Grant Funds of \$39,956 Awarded by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office for the Purpose of Underage Drinking Education and Enforcement (195)

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**Background:** The Town has been awarded grant funds by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) to help cover the costs of an Underage Drinking and Education and Enforcement Initiative. The Town has received these in years past and continues to utilize them as received.

**Operational Impact:** Funds would be used to educate teenagers and parents about the dangers and pitfalls of drinking underage and to improve the safety of citizens and visitors to West Hartford through underage drinking enforcement activities, including; supplemental alcohol education curriculum in the Town's schools; assigning an officer at school events such as dances and athletic events held in the evening; and through directed patrol and inspection of bars, restaurants and liquor stores.

**Financial Impact:** Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 budget of the General Fund. (The grant period ends September 8, 2018. Any unused funds as of June 30, 2018 would be carried forward to FY 2019.) Estimated intergovernmental revenue would increase \$39,956, with a corresponding appropriation for overtime in the Police Department to conduct underage drinking education and enforcement activities.

**Legal Review:** Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

**Project Schedule:** The grant period runs from October 1, 2017 through September 8, 2018.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the attached resolution, which would allow for the appropriation of the grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program for the purpose of underage drinking education and enforcement.

**Attachments:** See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT  
FUNDS OF \$39,956 AWARDED BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION'S HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERAGE  
DRINKING EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded Federal Funds by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office under the Federal Highway Safety Program (Federal Program Area 2018-154-AL, State Project 0198-0722-EV) in the amount of \$39,956 to fund an Underage Drinking Education and Enforcement Initiative program and activities from October 1, 2017 through September 8, 2018, and,

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of this initiative are to educate teenagers and parents about the dangers and pitfalls of drinking underage and to improve the safety of citizens and visitors to West Hartford through underage drinking enforcement activities, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve these objectives the Town of West Hartford desires to utilize grant funds to supplement the current alcohol education curriculum in the Town's schools, assign an officer at school events such as dances and athletic events held in the evening, and utilize directed patrol and inspection of bars, restaurants and liquor stores, in accordance with both Federal and State regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of these educational and enforcement activities is \$39,956, all of which will be funded with this grant,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD THAT** grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program are appropriated for the purpose of underage drinking education and enforcement activities in accordance with the terms of the grant, and the fiscal year 2017-2018 General Fund budget is amended as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenue

01-220410-20101-9070	Federal Grant Revenue	\$39,956
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Increase Appropriations

01-220410-20101-1010	Overtime	\$39,956
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